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1. "OWING TO ITS IMPACT IN THE RESOLUTION OF SEVERAL WORLD PROBLEMS AND CONFLICTS, AND RECOGNIZING THE POWER OF ITS ECONOMY AND MILITARY MIGHT, WHICH CONSTITUTE A FORMIDABLE MEANS OF PRESSURE, THE FOREIGN POLICY OF THE US IS QUITE NATURALLY THE SUBJECT OF LIVELY CRITICISM AND COMMENTARIES..." BEGINS ASSISTANT EDITOR KITAMBALA KULUBITCH IN A FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL KINSHASA DAILY SALONGO MARCH 30.

2. AFTER NOTING CURRENT FOREIGN POLICY DILEMMAS SUCH AS SALT NEGOTIATIONS, AMERICAN ARMS SALES, SOUTHERN AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST, EDITOR KITAMBALA ASSESSES SIGNIFICANCE OF CURRENT CARTER VOYAGE: "FOR AFRICANS, THE FIRST VISIT OF AN AMERICAN PRESIDENT TO THEIR CONTINENT WILL BE AN OCCASION FOR UNMASKING THINGS AND SEEING MORE CLEARLY WHY US FOREIGN POLICY IS THE OBJECT OF SO MUCH CRITICISM.

3. REFERRING TO CURRENT HOT SPOTS IN AFRICA, MR. KITAMBALA SAYS
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THAT RECENTLY AMERICAN DIPLOMACY DID "SUCCEED IN CONVINCING SOMALIA TO WITHDRAW ITS TROOPS FROM THE OGADEN WHILE PROPOSING THAT THE OAU FIND A SOLUTION FOR THE PROBLEMS HERE..."

4. COMMENTARY CONCLUDES BY NOTING WITH ANTICIPATION PRESIDENT CARTER'S UPCOMING LAGOS ADDRESS WHICH "WILL SPELL OUT THE AMERICAN POSITION ON AFRICAN ISSUES..."

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